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Amend the amendment in Art. IV, Pt. Third, §18 by striking out all of sub-§1 (page 1, lines 21 to 32 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

1. Petition procedure. The electors may propose to the Legislature for its consideration any bill, resolve or resolution, including bills to amend or repeal emergency legislation but not an amendment of the State Constitution, by written petition addressed to the Legislature or to either branch thereof and filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the hour of 5:00 p.m., on or before the 50th day after the date of convening of the Legislature in first regular session or on or before the 25th day after the date of convening of the Legislature in second regular session, except that the written petition may not be filed in the office of the Secretary of State later than 18 months after the date the petition form was furnished or approved by the Secretary of State. If the 50th or 25th day, whichever applies, is applicable deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period runs until the hour of 5:00 p.m., of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the establishment of an 18-month period in which a direct initiative petition may be circulated is in conjunction with when it is due to the Secretary of State's office.